

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 25, 2007.

Claims 1-5, 7-20 and 24-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gehani (U.S. Patent No. 5,765,171) and further in view of Britton et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,613,060).

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gehani in view of Britton and further in view of Mosher et al (U.S. 6,785,696).

Claims 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gehani in view of Britton and further in view of Fiske (U.S. 6,324,692).

The independent claims, as amended, include the feature that “the one phase update is done to multiple slave servers concurrently”. This along with the other features of the claims is not shown or made obvious by the prior art. This change has been made to distinguish the claims from consecutive one-phase updates as described in page 31 of the examiner’s response.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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